

primary higher fatty alcohol. The method for reducing serum cholesterol consists of orally administering the composition provided to human subjects.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please delete Claim 36.

Claim 1 (currently amended) A composition for lowering LDL-serum cholesterol levels in human subjects, or elevating HDL cholesterol level in blood of a mammal wherein the said composition comprises one or more esters of policosanol, wherein the policosanol is selected from the group consisting of eicosanol, heneicosanol, docosanol, tricosanol, tetracosanol, pentacosanol, hexacosanol, heptacosanol, octacosanol, nonacosanol, triacontanol, dotriacontanol, tetratriacontanol and hexatriacontanol primary aliphatic alcohol fatty acid esters, wherein the fatty acids are long chain fatty acids.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the fatty acid moiety of the esters is a carboxylic acid containing from 2 to 22 carbon atoms is linoleic acid, linolenic acid, arachidonic acid, eicosapentaenoic acid or docosahexanoic acid.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The composition according to Claim 2, further comprising one or more food substances wherein the primary aliphatic alcohol is eicosanol, docosanol, tricosanol, tetracosanol, hexacosanol, octacosanol or triacontanol.

Claim 4 (currently amended) The-A food composition comprising one or more primary aliphatic alcohol fatty acid esters according to Claim 3, in combination with a food substance, wherein the said food substance is selected from the group consisting of table margarine, shortening, mayonnaise, vegetable oil, ice cream, milk and yogurt edible oil, margarine, butter, salad dressing, milk and beverages.

Claim 5 (currently amended) ~~The composition according to Claim 2, further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable component selected from the group consisting of an A pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more primary aliphatic alcohol fatty acid esters of Claim 3, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient, antioxidant, coloring agent, binder and stabilizer or dilutant.~~

Please add new claims 37 – 39.

Claim 37 (added) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the primary aliphatic alcohol is eicosanol, docosanol, tricosanol, tetracosanol, hexacosanol, octacosanol or triacontanol.

Claim 38 (added) A food composition comprising one or more primary aliphatic alcohol fatty acid esters according to Claim 2, in combination with a food substance, wherein said food substance is selected from the group consisting of edible oil, margarine, butter, salad dressing, milk and beverages.

Claim 39 (added) A food composition comprising one or more primary aliphatic alcohol fatty acid esters according to Claim 1, in combination with a food substance, wherein said food substance is selected from the group consisting of edible oil, margarine, butter, salad dressing, milk and beverages.

Claim 40 (added) A pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more primary aliphatic alcohol fatty acid esters of Claim 2, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient, or dilutant.